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Subject: RE: Oakland Turning Basin Feasibility/NEPA waiver: process question!

Thank you Erika for your response. I will forward to management.

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Hello Ms. Siu,

Your message was forwarded to me by Tessa Beach, Chief of Environmental Branch, San Francisco District. I am the feasibility study project manager for the Oakland Harbor Turning Basins Widening Feasibility Study.

I hope the following answers the questions in the email below, as I understand them:

- 1.) The 333 waiver request is for additional funding to rerelease the Draft IFR/EA and to extend the feasibility study schedule for a study completion of June 2024. This waiver request is competing for 2023 workplan funding. These funds are needed to complete a NEPA compliant document and to perform additional public engagement in the environmental justice communities of West Oakland. Maintaining this schedule will allow the highest probability of this feasibility study to be completed in time to be considered for WRDA 2024.
- 2) The current recommended course of action does not align the release of the 2nd Draft IFR/EA with the EIR. Delaying the public release of the draft IFR/EA to align with the release of the EIR would add four to six months to the schedule, and it would eliminate the probability of getting 2023 Workplan funding. Not getting 2023 workplan funding would mean the study would be delayed an additional 12 months until workplan 2024 funding is available, for a total delay of 18 months. This would ensure the study would not be eligible to compete for WRDA 2024.

Please let me know if there are additional questions, or if clarification is needed.
Best regards,

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**Importance:** High

Hi Tessa,

My management just asked me to get clarification on the relationship between the waiver request and the WRDA 2024 funding opportunity. My understanding at the LTMS MC mtg was that USACE is only requesting 3x3x3 process waiver until end of March 2023, as any later than that would imperil potential future WRDA funding to finalize the Feasibility Study/NEPA document. Can you explain the internal USACE trigger related to the WRDA 2024 (i.e., if waiver requested those 3 additional months from April to June)?

Thanks and sorry for late request!

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